

**NEW CENTRAL IT AGENCY WILL BETTER POSITION STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FUTURE**

The Governor proposes legislation to align central information technology services in a single new agency. This alignment will optimize coordination among IT policy, infrastructure, services and applications groups now housed in the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), Consolidated Technology services (CTS) and Department of Enterprise Services (DES). The state CIO will serve as director of the new agency.

This coordination will best position Washington for the future by creating a streamlined, agile central IT organization better able to harness modern technology. The new agency will unify the state IT vision and road map, strengthen IT project oversight and allow quicker adoption of leading industry technology practices.

The new agency will build on the consolidation efforts of 2011 to provide more value and faster service to citizens and agencies, all for less cost. This move is not expected to result in significant cost savings beyond those realized through the IT consolidation efforts in 2011. However, the budget assumes savings of about \$2.4 million through lower administrative costs by combining OCIO, CTS and parts of DES.

**Tax and licensing system replacement, Department of Revenue,** \$27.9 million General Fund-State; Business Licensing Account-State  
Continues replacement of the state's outdated core tax collection and business licensing systems, which will increase tax collections and reduce operational risks. The department will use a certificate of participation to partially finance the cost of the system.

**Enhanced 911 network modernization, Military Department,** \$5.0 million Enhanced 911 Account-State  
Provides financial assistance to 16 counties to replace analog 911 telephone equipment that is obsolete and no longer supported by the manufacturer. It will be replaced with modern Next Generation 911-capable telephone equipment.

**Replace Capitol campus video equipment, Secretary of State/ TVW,** \$1.7 million GF-S  
Replaces obsolete or non-functioning TVW cameras and related production equipment throughout the Capitol campus.

**Washington Business One-Stop, Consolidated Technology Services,** \$1.6 million Shared Information Technology Systems Revolving Account  
Continues implementation of the Business One-Stop Portal that will provide a single, online resource for small businesses to interact with state government. When fully implemented, business owners

**Modernize Regulatory Systems;**  
LCB; \$3.3 million Licensing and Enforcement System Modernization Project Account

**Federal Certification Program;**  
OMWBE; \$508,000 OMWBE Enterprises Account

**Enhance Charitable Organization Education; Secretary of State;**  
\$296,000 Charitable Organization Education Account

**Enhance Licensing Oversight; DFI;**  
\$282,000 Financial Services Regulation Account

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will be able to apply for registrations, licenses and permits, and view the status of these applications online; file quarterly and annual reports; make payments and manage accounts; and make changes to their accounts all at once instead of having to make the same changes separately with each agency.

**Traceability system and staff funding, Liquor Control Board, \$460,000 Dedicated Marijuana Fund Account-State**

Maintains and pays for license costs related to the Marijuana Seed-to-Sales Traceability System for more effective administration of the recreational marijuana market.

**Economic Crime Unit, Attorney General, \$416,000 Legal Services Revolving Account-State**

Provides additional expenditure authority and staff for the prosecution of cases related to the Department of Labor and Industries' investigations into the underground economy (businesses that evade regulations and hide their full tax liability from the state).

**Continuity of operations coordinator and emergency catastrophic planner, Military Department, \$356,000 Enhanced 911 Account-State**

Funds two new positions at the Military Department. The continuity of operations coordinator will manage statewide efforts to ensure continued government operations in the event of an emergency. The emergency catastrophic planner will establish a statewide catastrophic-event planning program to work with state and local governments and non-governmental organizations to develop plans for events such as major earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions and terrorist attack.

## **REDUCTIONS**

**Suspend 2016 presidential primary, Secretary of State, \$11.5 million GF-S**

Suspends funding for the 2016 state presidential primary election. This primary was also suspended in 2004 and 2012. The Legislature approved the presidential primary election in 1989 as a people's initiative to the Legislature. The presidential

primary election is an advisory vote that the political parties may use to allocate delegates to the national convention.

**Staffing reduction, Gambling Commission, \$1.6 million Gambling Revolving Account-Nonappropriated**

As part of the solution to an anticipated shortfall in the Gambling Revolving Account, the Gambling Commission will cut eight staff positions in the agency, which will reduce capacity for the regulation and enforcement of gaming establishments.

**Eliminate state drug task forces, Department of Commerce, \$1.3 million GF-S**

Eliminates funding for state drug task forces that support multi-jurisdictional efforts to combat gangs and illegal drug organizations.

**Reduce associate development organization**

**funding, Department of Commerce, \$296,000 GF-S**  
Reduces funding for local economic development organizations by 5 percent. These organizations assist with business recruitment, retention and expansion efforts.

**Reduce consumer protection services, Attorney General, \$269,000 GF-S**

Reduces funding for the Consumer Protection Division at the Office of the Attorney General. This will lengthen the time it takes to investigate and prosecute cases of consumer fraud.